



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 79

Hoopa Valley Reservation South Boundary Adjustment Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 23, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 79 would result in a net increase of about \$50,000 in discretionary spending in fiscal year 1998 and a decrease of about \$20,000 a year thereafter, assuming appropriations consistent with the act's provisions. Enacting H.R. 79 also would affect direct spending by reducing offsetting receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply to the act. We estimate, however, that the loss of offsetting receipts would be less than \$10,000 a year.

H.R. 79 would transfer into trust for the Hoopa Valley Tribe about 2,641 acres of land in the Six Rivers National Forest. Upon transfer of the land, the tribe would assume management of the land, including the Tish-Tang Campground and three Forest Service roads. For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 79 will be enacted within the next month, at which time the land and management of the campground and roads would transfer to the tribe.

This act would increase discretionary spending in fiscal year 1998 by requiring the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to survey and mark the boundary of the land to be transferred. Based on information from BLM and the Forest Service, we estimate that BLM would spend about \$70,000 in fiscal year 1998 for the land survey activities, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. However, the Forest Service would save about \$20,000 a year in management and maintenance costs for the campground once the land transfer takes place. There would be no net budgetary impact from transferring the roads to the tribe, because the federal government will continue to pay for their maintenance.

Once the land is transferred to the tribe, the federal government would forgo offsetting receipts from campground fees and miscellaneous forest product permits. We estimate that the net loss of receipts would total less than \$10,000 a year. According to the Forest Service, there would be no loss of timber receipts because all timbering on the land has been completed.

H.R. 79 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. By voluntarily accepting the land transfer, the Hoopa Valley Tribe would also accept responsibility for managing the campground, along with the associated costs.

On June 2, 1997, CBO prepared a cost estimate for H.R. 79 as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on May 21, 1997. The two versions of H.R. 79 are identical, as are the estimates.

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